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Friends

The Mass Leaflet, for following at home and as will be distributed in Church, is below (pages 2-5). This page and the Noticeboard (page 6) will not be available in Church.

The Parish Pastoral Council (covering both St Mary's and St Patrick's) will be meeting by Zoom on Wednesday evening (8pm-9.30pm). The principal discussion will be about mapping plans for the future, and tackling some of the problems of the present – communication, live-streaming, volunteers under 70, music during the plague interdict, sacramental ministry, and ecumenical relations. If you have any views on these or other 'pastoral' topics, please e-mail me and I'll throw them into the discussion.

The problem remains that we are not able to communicate effectively with everyone. Some contacts are not on the database, others are not reachable by e-mail, or IT. We have done our best in this regard and are grateful for those who have printed off, and passed on to others, the changing bits of these communications. It could not be plainer than it presently is that the Church is not the buildings, nor even the congregations that present themselves, but all those who, in the words of last week's collect 'for the faith they profess are accounted Christians'. Let's all try to keep in touch and maintain contact.

Prayers for you all.

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# **East Hendred Catholic Parish**



Sunday 16(A) 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Antiphons,

Prayers and Readings

## Reflection

WE KNOW that we are right in the middle of the Green Season of Ordinary Time when we come across the parables, especially the ones with an agricultural flavour. St Matthew gathers seven or eight together in chapter 13. Last week it was the Parable of the Sower, this week it is the weeds and darnel, the mustard seed, and the leaven. As one of our Bible Study members reminded us, when we were discussing the Parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Weeds is the other example where Jesus himself explains the meaning. Cumulatively, these stories explain why it is that, however hard we try, we shall have limited success in persuading others of the truth of the Gospel. We are very much sowers of the seed rather than gatherers-in of the harvest. One of the privileges of the priest's ministry is to come across those where the seed was sown long ago. A frequent example is the bride and groom who want to marry here because one or other went to St Amand's and much remains. The same is true sometimes of those seeking baptism for a child. The point for each one of us is that we have a duty, conferred on us by our baptism, to bear witness to the Kingdom of Heaven in how we live, what we say, and what we do. But it does not fall to us to try to convince anyone of anything. This applies with particular force to the transmission of the Faith to our children and grandchildren. The task is simply to live an authentic life.

Fr Andrew

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

# See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O God, for it is good.

Ps 53:6,8

Ecce Deus adiuvat me

#### Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commandments. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

#### **First Reading**

#### Wisdom 12:13, 16-19(RSV)

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all men, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. <sup>17</sup> For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and rebuke any insolence among those who know it. <sup>18</sup> You who are sovereign in strength judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.<sup>19</sup> Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous man must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

#### **Psalm 86:**5-6, 9-10, 15-16, R/5

#### *R*/ O Lord you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to my voice in supplication.

All the nations you have made shall come; they will bow down before you, O Lord, and glorify your name, for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

But you, O God, are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, O Lord, abundant in mercy and fidelity; turn and take pity on me

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#### Second Reading

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for w**e** do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

#### Alleluia, **alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind: so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. **Alleluia, alleluia**.

#### Gospel

#### Matthew 13:24-43 (RSV)

Another parable Jesus put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

<sup>31</sup> Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened." <sup>34</sup> All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. <sup>35</sup> This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

#### Romans 8:26-27(RSV)

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface De Ecclesisa adunata ex unitate Trinitatis It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For, when your children were scattered afar by sin, through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit, you gathered them to yourself, that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity, made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom, be manifest as the Church. And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

Act of Spiritual Communion My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Memoriam fecit

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him. Ps 110:4-5

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

#### *St Alphonsus Liquori (18<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

# NOTICEBOARD

## Scripture Reading (Week 16[II] of Ordinary Time)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday **SUNDAY 17 A**  Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Jeremiah 1:1,4-10 Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Jeremiah 3:14-17 Jeremiah 7:1-11 **1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30**  Matthew 12:38-42 Matthew 12:46-50 Matthew 13:1-9 Matthew 13:10-17 Matthew 13:18-23 Matthew 13:24-30

Matthew 13:44-52

## HOLY FATHER'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, Louise Woodhouse, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn, Des McNichol, Anne North

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Violet Castle, Charles Turberville Eyston, Theresa Ayles

# CHILDREN CELEBRATE ('Home-School Children's Liturgy')

So far we have the following resources for 'Home-School Children's Liturgy'!

- (1) Westminster Diocese resource
  - https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/
- (2) <u>https://sermons4kids.com/</u>
- (3) CAFOD <u>https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy</u>
- (4) SDC <u>http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/</u>
- (5) Lots on YouTube including: <u>https://youtu.be/7gvwlE5LBjA</u>
- (6) You can also look up on Youtube the Gospel of the day (by putting the Evangelist, chapter and verses for the day) and you can find some lovely cartoon videos for children explaining the Gospel.
- (7) <u>https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/toddlers.hitm</u>
- (8) <u>https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/children.html</u>

#### Please e-mail additions for this list to Fr Andrew.